

FATHERS OF OIL.

They Invented Casing, Jars and the Seedbag.

DOWN IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY.

David and Joseph Ruffner and William Morris, Old Time West Virginians, Contributed Three Things to the Oil Well Driller—Discovered Oil, but Did Not Realize Its Value, as They Were After Salt.

Bion Butler in a Charleston, W. Va., letter to the Pittsburgh Times: To the man whose life has been largely spent in the oil country, a visit to the valley of the Kanawha is much like a visit of a devout Mohammedan to the shrine of Mecca. For the history of the oil country begins here in the valley long before petroleum became a merchantable commodity, and the methods of its production antedate the production of oil itself.

Charleston, to tell two stories at one time, enjoys the comforts of natural gas. The fluid comes from the old territory, once famous as the "Kanawha Salines." Here was located the celebrated salt wells of the Kanawha valley, justly reputed to produce an unsurpassed quality of table salt, yet undesigned to become more renowned in history because here originated as well as the devices which have since been perfected and applied wherever a well is drilled in the production of oil.

Before the day of the white man the Indians made salt at the saline springs of the Kanawha valley. So long ago as 1775, General Washington, who was awarded some lands in the valley for his military services, came over to the Kanawha to locate his awards. Of the tract that he then took up he deeded to the public forever an acre on which was located a mysterious burning spring. From the vicinity of this burning spring comes the gas which more than a century later has been made to serve the people of Charleston for fuel after waiting through all this time. As the white settlers penetrated the valley they paid small attention to Washington's burning spring, except to look at it with curiosity, and for seventy-five years it was more of a wonder than almost any other thing in Western Virginia. But in the same territory on which the mysterious spring burned continuously were the salt springs that absolute need and, later, the desire for gain turned to profit.

The salt springs are located a short distance above Charleston, and were so attractive to wild game before they were even worked by the whites that hunters frequented the springs to kill the deer and other wild creatures that swarmed in the neighborhood. Daniel Boone had made a log cabin home not far from the springs, and lived in the region long enough to be elected to the Virginia legislature in 1791 from the newly formed Kanawha county.

The name of Ruffner is one of the most prominent in industrial development of the Kanawha country. To-day the Ruffners are among the leading spirits of Charleston. It is one hundred and two years ago that Joseph Ruffner, filled with the tidings of the splendid springs of salt beyond the mountains, sold his possessions in the Shenandoah valley and set out for the west to establish himself as a salt maker on the Kanawha. When he reached the Kanawha, where he had already bought the tract which included the largest of the springs, he was also taken by the appearance of the fertile farm lands, so he invested in a large tract of land, and proceeded to farm, allowing his salt project to stand for the time. Ruffner leased the right to make salt to Elisha Brooks, and presently he died. He left his lands to his sons, David and Joseph, who are the men with whom this history deals.

Brooks made salt enough to prove the excellence of the stuff, taking his brine from the shallow quick sands of the springs. When Joseph and David Ruffner came to the possession of their father's lands they became persuaded of the need of a better way to get the brine.

Cased with a Sycamore Tree.
They invented the casing, which every well driller has used since their day. The first piece of casing used was a portion of a hollow sycamore tree, about four feet in diameter. This hollow timber was sunk in the quicksand whence the brine was dipped, the idea being to force it to the bottom of the well, and permit the brine to flow up through it free from the impurities of the sand of the spring. The sycamore casing partially served the purpose, but not wholly. The evolution of the idea finally led to drilling a well at a short distance from the springs in hope of finding the brine in a place not bothered by the quicksand. But it was found unnecessary to case again. So they made a small casing of a piece of oak tree through which a hole had been bored as the pump log makers bore a hole, with a long auger.

The Ruffners had laid the foundation for the development of the modern casing. But they found themselves confronted with another dilemma. At the bottom of the hole they made they encountered rocks through which their tools could not penetrate the earth would not cut. So a chisel like drill was designed, and fixed to the end of a rope attached to a spring pole. They were progressing, and with that drill they punched their salt well into the rock and found the pure strong brine they sought. Their efforts were so far they thought that persistence was compelled, and they built their boiling furnaces.

But they had not reached the end of their troubles, nor finished their inventions, for the oil man who was to come after them, for a tubing through the rock to fit the hole made was found impossible. Therefore, small strips of wood were fashioned and wrapped the entire distance with twine, just as we might take the hickory rims of the bicycle wheel, straighten them out, place the hollows together, and by wrapping with twine make a tube. Subsequently a thinner made tin tubing, which answered the purpose for a long time. With their crude appliances they found that the weak brine close to the surface was mixed with the stronger brine from below, so the tubing was wrapped with some bagging so tightly as to fill the hole around it. This served in a measure, but not entirely. Then the Ruffner brothers made the seed bag, a device, which is one of the mainstays of the oil man. The seed bag is a soft leather pouch placed around the tubing. It is filled with flaxseed, and when the tube around which it is fastened is placed in the hole, the water, coming in contact with the flaxseed, swells the seed, which expands until the hole is tight and impervious to water from above.

William Morris and the Jars.
With this much the salt well driller had made a great stride in the matter of sinking wells in the earth, but he found that his drill was not wholly satisfactory. It would not hit the hard enough flow from the end of a fast cable. It would fasten itself in the hole, and was loosened with difficulty. Then some sixty-five years ago, William Morris, whose name deserves to be perpetuated by all well men, a practical and bright well-driller, invented the contrivance known as the "Jars." With the jars deep drilling was made possible, and the salt men began to go down to a depth of 1,500 feet or more, which proved the limit of the brine.

A singular feature about the experience of these Kanawha valley oil well

pioneers is that they were not only the first to make use of all three oil well necessities, the casing, the seed bag and the jars, but that they were the first people in this country to drill holes to produce oil. While they were searching for brine they found oil in nearly every deep hole drilled, and in some of the wells a much as twenty-five barrels a day is supposed to have been produced by some of the most troublesome oil wells in the country, the brine at times, it was found in the holes was also a troublesome pest, until in 1841, William Tompkins conceived the idea of using it for fuel. After that some of the gas was used, but much was wasted, just as it has been every where.

The possibilities of this section of the country, and the manner in which all these things were done, is one of the surprising things in the gradual development of human affairs. Years before Pennsylvania oil wells had been thought of, the salt men of the Kanawha valley were drilling what to-day would be oil wells, but those men, instead of pumping out the salt water and saving the oil, as is done so extensively in West Virginia now, were wasting the oil and saving the salt water. They were wasting the gas that is the best known fuel, ignoring the deposits of coal that are bringing a fortune to the operators of the valley now, and boiling their salt water with wood, the most expensive and the least satisfactory fuel of the valley. But that's the way humanity works. The men who rushed into California to drive their oxen and mules, the big bonanzas of the Comstock lode, and the men who later went to the Comstock, went past the rich carbonates of Leadville, just as later prospectors run over the Cripple Creek silver and gold leads in the search for things farther distant. The Kanawha salt men scorned the oil, and drilled the first oil wells, and at the time they were doing it, invented the methods which have come into use throughout the entire oil territory. If Joseph and David Ruffner had displayed as much sagacity about taking advantage of the oil then as they and William Morris exercised in inventing tools to find the stuff and salt water, they, and not the Rockefeller, might have been the familiar names in oil circles. However, they did not, and laid the foundation for a great salt industry, which springing up in the valley, and are the fathers of the oil well and the inventors of the things that made it possible.

HIS WIFE DIDN'T OBJECT.

Could Play Poker All Night if He Wanted to Do It.

Chicago Times-Herald: "Really, boys, I have to quit," said the man with the biggest stack of chips in front of him, as he gathered in another jack pot.

"Oh, come off; that's not square," declared the biggest loser.

"Why?"

"You've got all the chips. Aren't you going to give the rest of us a show?"

"That's not it. You know I don't care for your money, but—"

"You're getting it."

"Maybe I am. But I really must quit. You see, I am married. You fellows are single. It is 12 o'clock now, and if I don't get home I will be in a pretty mess. As it is, I expect to find my mother-in-law and my wife waiting for me. You are not married."

"I am," declared the man whose luck had just returned.

"And you are going to play all night?"

"If I want to."

"And drink?"

"Bet your life."

"And smoke?"

"Cert."

"Your wife won't say anything to you when you go home?"

"Not a word."

"Doesn't she object to your playing poker, drinking and smoking all night?"

"Oh, I don't know. I am not worrying about it. Stay all night!"

"There; you see it's a bluff!" declared the biggest loser.

"It's all very well for Harvey to talk about the way he has his wife treated, but I can't do it," rejoined the man with the biggest stack of chips, "but I tell you what I will do. I'll give my stack if he will tell me how he manages it."

"Done!" cried the man whose luck had turned, as he reached for them. "My wife is out of town visiting some friends."

"Overtime to Letter Carriers."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22.—The system of allowing overtime claims of letter carriers throughout the country will be practically abolished soon. This is in accordance with the policy begun by First Assistant Postmaster General Jones at the beginning of his administration. At that time claims for extra compensation for over time in work were accumulating at the rate of 70,000 hours a month, and a source of great expense to the service has been steadily diminished and the reports for October show that the amount for that month was only one hundred and eighty-six hours for regular letter carriers and one hundred thirty-seven hours for substitutes. The department regards the over-time in nine cases out of ten as unnecessary and Mr. Jones says it will do away with over-time altogether save in rare cases where there is actual necessity.

Alabama Feels the Boom.

FLORENCE, Ala., Nov. 22.—The Sheffield Furnaces are enjoying a season of great prosperity. Following closely upon the large order for 4,000 tons of pig iron received by the Sheffield Coal Iron and Steel Company, comes the information that the Colburn Iron Company, on yesterday shipped twenty carloads of pig iron to eastern manufacturers. Preparations are being made to put two more furnaces in blast there. Those now in operation are running to their full capacity and making an excellent grade of iron.

Col. Grant Calls on McKinley.

CANTON, Ohio, Nov. 22.—Colonel Fred. Grant was a guest at the McKinley home this afternoon, having come here from Cleveland, where he spent Sunday with National Chairman Hanna and other friends. He has been in St. Louis attending the re-union of the army of the Tennessee and merely stopped over in Cleveland and Canton on his way home. He is a personal friend of the McKinley's and has visited them here on several occasions.

William Monaghan, of Cleveland, was another caller this afternoon.

Bridge Jumper Sheds.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 22.—Kearney P. Sheely, the well-known high diver, plunged from the Sweeney viaduct into the river, eighty-one feet to-day. He was not injured and was probably not nearly so frightened as some persons among the big crowd who witnessed his dive. He landed with a splash, but arose immediately and was picked up by a small boat in readiness.

A True Maxim.

Nothing succeeds like success, is a maxim well applied to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, for this famous remedy succeeds in curing every case of croup, cough and cold which it undertakes, and to this alone is due its wonderful popularity. Mrs. E. W. Richards, 214 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., states: "I have had Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup on my bureau for the last nine years, and have found it a certain and safe cure for croup. I have also found it efficacious in extreme membranous croup, and would advise all mothers to use it." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs only 25 cents, and you should bear in mind, that substitutes simply benefit the dealer's purse. Insist on getting Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

THAT AIR SHIP.

The Inventor Confirms the Report of a Trial Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The inventor of the mysterious air ship which has been puzzling local scientists and others for the past week is believed to be one, "Dr. E. H. Benjamin," an alleged dentist, who occupied rooms in an Elliott street lodging house for the past two years, but so far he has successfully evaded all attempts to discover his identity. His attorney, Collins, when seen yesterday, expressed something about the alleged inventor and his machine. He said:

"This morning the inventor came to my office in the Crocker building and told me that he had tested the merits of the ship in last night's storm with the greatest satisfaction. The wind currents were very contrary and the test was one that tried the merits of the machine in the hardest possible manner, but it came out of the ordeal in good order, having breasted the storm as well as any bird."

"He started from the locality where the vessel is housed and flew over Alcatraz and cut through the Golden Gate, skirting the Cliff house and returning by the same route across the bay. He hovered over Seal rocks for fully ten minutes and played his search light on the seals themselves. His intention is to make another trip this evening, probably over the same ground, running out as far as Sacramento."

A dispatch was received from Sacramento last night to the effect that hundreds of people there had again seen the mysterious motor in the heavens, but as yet no one has been able to see the object sufficiently well to state definitely what it is.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF

In Germany Transforming It Into a Manufacturing Country and Providing a Home Market for Farmers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—The rapid change of the German empire from an agricultural to an industrial state is set forth by consul J. C. Monaghan in a report to the state department. He says everywhere one sees new mills in course of construction. In Chemnitz and thereabouts the manufacturing development is simply enormous. Nothing like it has ever been seen before. Hereafter, says the consul, Germany will do all her manufacturing at home, buying only agricultural products and raw materials abroad. He cites the fact that Germany is no longer buying steel rails abroad, but is making them at home. The manufactured exports of Germany during the first nine months of the current year reach the enormous total of 18,705,000 tons, or an increase of three million tons over the entire year preceding.

The consul says Germany must continue to look to the United States for cotton, corn and petroleum, and he says there is a less demand for wooden ware, carriages, shoes, typewriters, crackers, biscuits, etc. The importation of American textile fell off last year because of the textile depression in the United States. Hereafter, says the consul, Germany will continue to look to the United States as the best market in the world for textiles.

AN EXTRA SESSION

Of Congress to be Called After the Inauguration.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Mail and Express to-day says:

There is going to be an extra session of Congress called within twenty days after the inauguration of President-elect McKinley. This information comes from Canton to-day in a most positive and direct way and its reliability cannot be questioned. It is the opinion of the President-elect that considerable legislation can be accomplished this winter, and though the conservative dispatches disagree regarding his attitude toward the present agitation for the Dingley bill, there is substantial authority for the statement that Major McKinley is averse to raise expectations as to its enactment, which in his judgment cannot be realized. He fears that the business community would become demoralized should the bill be passed in the house again, only to be laid aside by the senate, and he does not share Senator Sherman's opinion that the measure can pass the senate before the reorganization of that body on March 4.

GOMEZ HEARD FROM.

Has 30,000 Men with Him—Has Hope of Victory.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Protracted silence of Commander-in-Chief Maximilian Gomez of the Cuban army, which had caused considerable anxiety among Cubans here as to his safety, has at last been broken, and the Junta in this city has received a communication from him.

In this communication, which comes from Las Villas, Santa Clara province, General Gomez says that he has at his command 35,000 well equipped men, and that with these he intends to proceed to Havana province. The commander-in-chief writes that on account of the bad condition of the roads, it took this force of men twelve hours to pass a certain point. General Gomez adds that he is in good health as are his men and has every hope of victory.

GEN. LEE'S REPORT.

He Declines to Say What His Recommendations Are.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Consul General Lee, accompanied by Mrs. Lee and his daughter, called at the state department, General Lee, when asked concerning the reports that he had recommended intervention by the United States in Cuba, replied that his report had been presented personally to Secretary Olney, and that unless Mr. Olney had given out information concerning it all reports as to its contents were mere conjecture, for, as far as he (Lee) was concerned, he had not spoken to anyone regarding it. When questioned directly as to the recommendations in his report General Lee said positively that he must decline to discuss it in any shape or form, as his report is in the hands of Mr. Olney, who must make it public if it were to become public. General Lee said that he had not made up his mind exactly as to when he would return to Cuba.

Reserve Agent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—The controller of the currency has approved the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh, in place of the Second National Bank of the same city, as a reserve agent for the Traders' National Bank, of Clarkburg.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It guarantees to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Logan Drug Company.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles!

Symptoms—Moisture; Intense itching and burning; Most at night; worse by scratching; Itching to come to the door; coming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT cures the itching and burning, moves the tumors. At drugists or by mail, for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia.

"How to Cure All Skin Diseases."

Simply apply SWAYNE'S OINTMENT. No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., itching, cure clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by every one. Write your druggist for SWAYNE'S OINTMENT. (Trade Mark)

THE King of Pills is Beecham's

BEECHAM'S

"FINDINGS" IN A DRY TOWN.

The Thirsty Inhabitant Loses a Half Dollar and Finds a Pint of Whisky.

Chicago Times-Herald: Cottonville is a dry town. It has been without a saloon for many years, and even the drug stores do not sell a drop of liquor under any circumstances.

Naturally, I was considerably surprised the other day when I visited the barber and found his solitary occupant in a suspiciously genial mood.

"Cunnie," said the barber, "hev yer bin heef this mawnin'?"

I replied that I had looked in a few minutes before, but had found no one there.

"An' did yer see anythin' Jubos-lookin' on de table?" asked the grinning darkey.

"No, I saw nothing," was my answer.

The barber, with a mysterious air, drew a pint bottle from the drawer and replaced it.

"Good cawn, whisky," said he softly, "cost me fifty cents."

"Did you send off for it?"

"No, suh. Got hit right heah."

"But that's against the law."

"Lor' bless yer, Cunnie, I nebbur bought hit."

"I thought you said it cost you fifty cents."

"Dat's no boss; but I see a law-abidin' citizen. I jist lost a half-dollar, an' foun' dat bottle."

While he was lathering my face I asked a few questions, and the answers threw a flood of light upon some of the secrets of a dry town.

"Hit wuz dis way, Cunnie," said the communicative barber: "Dar's a sartin pussen in dis town who's a man of high prinserpool. Yer kin trust him in anythin'. Well, I seed him dis mawnin' and stopped ter pass de time ob day wid him."

"We wuz a talkin' 'bout gin'ral matters in gin'ral, when I tole him a little story. I tole him how I passed a sartin pussen one day, an' drapped a half-dollar, an' hinted dat hit would be pow'ful funny if somebody picked hit up an' slipped inter my shop an' left a pint ob cawn on my table. He allowed dat would be cur'ous, an' walked off. When I went ter de shop, a little later, dar stood de bottle ob cawn on my table."

"Well, suh, when I tole dis story ter a sartin pussen he winked at me an' sorter smiled. Den I tole him dat I wuz gwine ter try hit ag'in, an' he drapped de money wid de remark dat I would git back ter de shop in about half an hour."

"Yer may believe hit or not, suh, but when I come back dat money wuz gone, an' dat sartin pussen wuz done gone, too. I went ter de shop, an' right dar on de table wuz a full bottle of whisky. Dat's de way I got it, suh."

"So that certain person you speak of runs a blind tiger?"

"Oh, no, suh. Notterbit. Hit wuz jist a coincidence. Fur all I know, dat man may not hev a drop ob liquor. I neber seed anybody pick up de money, an' I neber seed anybody cary de liquor ter my shop. I mout hev my spishuns, but spishuns ain't proof."

"I think," said I, "that your friend runs a great risk."

"Notterbit," was the answer; "de best people in dis town, black and white, has lost quarters and half dollars when he wuz standin' roun', and thar wuz nebbur no trouble."

"In some towns he would be prosecuted and heavily fined."

"Yas, suh; but not heah, whar prinserpool runs too high for sich low down ways ter be favored. Hit's a mighty good thing ter live in a place whar ebberbody's law-abidin' an' full of prinserpool."

He was putting on a final coat of lather when I remarked that prohibition was a failure if a blind tiger could be so easily conducted under the noses of the authorities.

"Ise afear'd, boss," said the cautious barber, "dat yer misundersatn't me. De little confederates I tole yo about don't happen ebbery day, nor to ebberybody. Hit's only our best citizens, suh, who hev de good luck ter hev sich 'spenences. A stranger mout talk all day befo' dat sartin pussen about bein' thirsty, an' drap his half dollar, an' dat would be de last ob hit. He would nebbur find no bottle, an' he would nebbur get no satisfaction. Yer see, suh, in dis community prinserpool runs heah, and de people won't stan' no sort ob meanness."

"Are you a prohibitionist?"

"Sartinly, I is. All de best people is. We don't want no saloons. When we had 'em dat barber tudder end ob town uster git fightin' drunk an' beat me up ebbery Saturday night. But now he can't git no liquor, unless he sends off fur it. Yer see, he's a man ob no prinserpool, an' is not law-abidin'."

When I looked into the matter I found that many of the citizens of Cottonville shared the barber's views. Every man with a red nose was in favor of prohibiting the sale of liquor to his neighbor.

In these days of disappointment it is a gratification to know that one can buy a bottle of Salvation Oil for 25 cents.

Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a powerful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. It has strength and is guaranteed by its use. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00 at Logan Drug Company's Drug Store.

SOOTHING, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small, but effective—such are the qualities of Dr. Williams' Little Early Bitters, the famous little pills. Charles R. Goetze, corner Twelfth and Market streets; Bowie & Co., Bridgeport; Peabody & Son, Benwood.

Headache and Neuralgia cured by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. "One cent a dose."

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing kidney and bladder affections relieved in six hours by the "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its effectiveness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passage in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Send for R. H. List, drugist, Wheeling, W. Va.

THE length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Charles R. Goetze, corner Twelfth and Market streets; Bowie & Co., Bridgeport; Peabody & Son, Benwood.

"MOTHERS' FRIEND"

Shortens labor, lessens pain, diminishes danger to life of both mother and child and leaves her in comfortable, forcible, speedy recovery. Stronger after than before confinement. Says a prominent midwife. In the best remedy

FOR RISING BREAST

Known and worth the price for that alone. Endorsed and recommended by midwives and all ladies who have used it. Beware of substitutes and imitations.

Makes Child-Birth Easy.

Sent by Express or mail on receipt of price, \$1.00 per bottle. Book "TO MOTHERS" mailed free, containing voluntary testimonials.

BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

For Bilious and Nervous Disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headaches, Giddiness, Fullness and Swelling after Meals, Bristles and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushing, Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, etc. When taken at bedtime, they are a sure cure for all these troubles. Every sufferer is earnestly invited to try one box of these Pills, and they will be acknowledged to be—

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore females to complete health. They promptly remove obstructions or irregularities of the system. For a

WEAK STOMACH, IMPAIRED DIGESTION, DISORDERED LIVER

they act like magic—a few doses will work wonders upon the whole system, strengthening the muscular system, restoring the long-lost complexion, bringing back the natural energy of the frame. There are facts admitted by thousands in all classes of society, and one of the best guarantees to the Nervous and Debilitated is that Beecham's Pills have the Largest Sale of any Patent Medicine in the World.

WITHOUT A RIVAL. Annual Sales over 6,000,000 Boxes.

25c at Drug Store, or will be sent by U. S. Agents R. F. ALLEN CO., 355 Canal St., New York, post paid, upon receipt of price. Book free upon application.

Get Your Christmas Gifts Free

Many thousand dollars worth of valuable articles suitable for Christmas gifts for the young and old, are to be given to smokers of Blackwell's Genuine Durham Tobacco. You will find one coupon inside each

two-ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

Blackwell's Genuine DURHAM Tobacco

Daily .

Intelligencer

REDUCED TO

10 CENTS

PER WEEK.

Send in your orders at once by Postal Card or Telephone No. 822.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Is on the wrapper of every bottle of Castoria.

900 DROPS

CASTORIA

A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of

INFANTS & CHILDREN

Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.

IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Castoria is put up in one-ounce bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get C.A.S.T.O.R.I.A.

Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and Loss of Sleep.

Fac-Simile Signature of **Charles H. Fletcher** NEW YORK.

35 DROPS FOR INFANTS & CHILDREN.

EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

WILLIAMS TYPEWRITER.

The Williams Typewriter

Is a High Grade, strong and durable machine; writes in plain sight; prints like a press without a ribbon.

The Intelligencer uses and recommends the Williams.

GOPP & DEVORE, GENERAL AGENTS.

"Outing" Bicycle.

A strictly high grade \$85 wheel for \$65. Call and see it at

Dillon, Wheat & Hancher Co's.